GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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VISIT TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries visited by him during the last two years;

(b) the propose of these visits country-wise; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon on each of these visits and the achievements made as a result of these visits? ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

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(a) During the last two years, The Minister of Textiles undertook visits to Brazil and USA from 9th to 15th February, 2000 and to Australia from 5th to 11th November, 2000.

(b) The visits to Brazil, USA and Australia were undertaken to discuss the anti dumping duty imposed by Brazilian Government on Jute Products, discuss with USA authorities the issue of inclusion of Indian Food Grade Jute Packaging in the agenda of International Coffee and Coco Associations and enhancement and promotion of wool trade between India and Australia and to promote bilateral ties in the transfer of technology for wool development respectively.

(c) The total expenditure incurred for the visit to Brazil and USA was Rs.4,22,446/- and the expenditure incurred for the visit to Australia was Rs.1,81,821/-. The achievements of these visit were respectively the following: -

(i) The Brazilian Authorities agreed to reconsider the issue of imposition of anti-dumping duty on the Jute Products.

(ii) The discussion with USA authorities helped inclusion of the item regarding Indian food Grade Jute Packaging in the agenda of the two Associations.

(iii) The visit to Australia helped to enhance Woollen trade and improved bilateral ties in the field of transfer of technology for development of woollen products between the two countries.